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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Avaya Inc. Deposit Account No. 50-1602** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully,

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In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated April 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

30 Please amend the specification as indicated in the enclosed marked up version of the original specification. A substitute specification incorporating such changes is also submitted herewith.
No new matter has been introduced.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) An overload control method for use in a multi-branch Internet Protocol-based private branch exchange system within a network environment having a primary network and at least one alternate network, said method comprising the steps of:

maintaining a congestion indicator status associated with each path in said primary